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BEGIN SUMMARY: NEW TALU CABINET FROM ITS COMPOSITION SUGGESTS
NO CHANGE INTURKEY'S FOREIGN POLICY, YET IT MARKS SEVERAL
SIGNIFICANT DEPARTURES FROM DOMESTIC VIEWPOINT. AS A TRUE
COALITION, IT CONSTITUTES DEFINITE END TO " ABOVE PARTIES " CONCEPT
OF GOVERNMENT. JP LEADER DEMIREL, THROUGH APPOINTMENT OF
MANY OF HIS TOP LIEUTENANTS TO MINISTERIAL POSTS, IS CLEARLY
SHOWING HIS CONTROLLING HAND. THIS GOVERNMENT IS THE MOST
CONSERVATIVE TURKEY HAS HAD SINCE THE MARCH 1971 COUP BY
MEMORANDUM; AND INDIVIDUALS IN CABINET CARRY COLLECTIVELY A
GREAT DEAL OF PREVIOUS MINISTERIAL EXPERIENCE. END SUMMARY.

1. LIST OF NEW GOVERNMENT MEMBERS, ANNOUNCED EVENING APRIL 15,
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PRIME MINISTER: NAIM TALU, INDEPENDENT, CONTINGENT SENATOR,
COMMERCE MIN IN SECOND ERIM AND MELEN GOVTS.

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER: KEMAL SATIR, RR DEPUTY, COMMUNICATIONS
MIN IN FUNALTAY GOVT (1949), DEPUTY PRIMIN THIRD INONU CABINET.

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER: NIZAMETTIN ERKMEN, JP DEPUTY.

MINISTER OF STATE: ISMAIL HAKKI TEKINEL, JP DEPUTY.

MINISTER OF STATE: ILHAN OZTRAK, INDEPENDENT, OUTSIDER, SAME
POSITION IN SECOND ERIM AND MELEN GOVTS.

MINISTER OF JUSTICE: HAYRI MUMCUOGLU, INDEPENDENT, SENATOR,
MIN RECONSTRUCTION SECOND INONU GOVT.

MINISTER OF DEFENSE: ILHAMI SANCAR, RR DEPUTY,
DEFMIN IN SECOND AND THIRD INONU GOVTS.

MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR: MUKADDER OZTEKIN, FORMERLY WITH
RPP, NOW INDEPENDENT SENATOR, MIN OF PUBLIC WORKS IN SECOND
ERIM AND MELEN GOVTS.

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS: HALUK BAYULKEN, INDEPENDENT,
OUTSIDER, SAME POSITION IN SECOND ERIM AND MELEN GOVTS.

MINISTER OF FINANCE: SADIK TEKIN MUFTUOGLU, JP DEPUTY,
MIN STATE AND MIN COMMERCE, FIRST DEMIREL GOVT.

MINISTER OF EDUCATION: ORHAN DENGIZ, JP DEPUTY, MIN
EDUCATION IN FIRST DEMIREL GOVT.

MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS: NURETTIN OK, JP DEPUTY.

MINISTER OF COMMERCE: AHMET TURKEL, JP DEPUTY,
MIN COMMERCE, FIRST AND SECOND DEMIREL GOVTS.

MINISTER OF HEALTH: VEFA TANIR, RR DEPUTY.

MINISTER OF CUSTOMS- MONOPOLIES: FETHI CELIKBAS,
RR CONTINGNET SENATOR, MIN STATE ENTERPRISES IN SECOND MENDERES
GOVT. AND MIN INDUSTRY IN FORST AND SECOND INONU GOVTS.

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: AHMET NUSRET TUNA, JP SENATOR.

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS: SABAHATTIN OZBEK, INDEPENDENT
CONTINGENT SENATOR, MINED IN MELEN GOVT.

MINISTER OF LABOR: ALI NAILI ERDEM, JP DEPUTY, MIN LABOR
IN FIRST DEMIREL CABINET.

MINISTER OF INDUSTRY: NURI BAYAR, JP DEPUTY.

MINISTER OF POWER: KEMAL DEMIR, INDEPENDENT DEPUTY,
MIN HEALTH IN THIRD INONU AND MELEN GOVTS.

MINISTER OF TOURISM: AHMET IHSAN KIRIMLI, JP DEPUTY.

MINISTER OF HOUSING: NEBIL IKTAY, RR DEPUTY.

MINISTER OF VILLAGE AFFAIRS: ORHAN KURUMOGLU, JP SENATOR.

MINISTER OF FORESTRY: ISA BINGOL, JP SENATOR.

MINISTER OF YOUTH AND SPORTS: CELALETTIN COSKU N, JP SENATOR.

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2. OUR INITIAL IMPRESSIONS:

A. CABINET IS MOST CONSERVATIVE AND COLLECTIVELY HAS MORE
PREVIOUS MINISTERIAL EXPERIENCE THAN ANY GOVERNMENT FORMED SINCE
MARCH 1971 COUP BY MEMORANDUM. WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE ANY CHANGE
IN TURKEY'S FOREIGN POSICY; BAYULKEN, BY CONTINUING AS FOREIGN
MINISTER, HAS RECEIVED RATHER IMPRESSIVE VOTE OF CONFIDENCE.

B. TALU GVERNMENT IS A TRUE COALITION AND MARKS AN END TO SERIES OF " ABOVE- PARTIES" REGIMES. OF 24 MINISTERS (25 INCLUDING THE PRIME MINISTER), ONLY TWO ARE FROM OUTSIDE PARLIAMENT. THESE ARE FONMIN BAYULKEN, MENTIONED ABOVE, AND ILHAN OZTRAK, WHO HAS FOR MANY MONTHS TAKEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR PUSHING LAND REFORM THROUGH PARLIAMENT.

C. CABINET, AS ANTICIPATED, IS DOMINATED BY THE JUSTICE PARTY (JP). THERE ARE THIRTEEN JP MINISTERS AND, ACCORDING TO PRESS, SIX REPUBLICAN RELIANCE PARTY (RR) AND FIVE INDEPENDENT MINISTERS (NOT INCLUDING PRIMIN). (WE COUNT FIVE RR AND SIX INDEPENDENTS, SINCE POWER MINISTER DEMIR, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, HAS NOT YET JOINED RR.) ALL JP MINISTERS IN PREVIOUS CABINET, SOME OF WHOM WERE COOL TO DEMIREL, HAVE BEEN REPLACED BY SUBSTANTIAL REPRESENTATION FROM TOP LEADERSHIP OF JP (AND NONE OF THESE MEN IS LIKELY TO ARGUE WITH DEMIREL). DEPUTY PRIMIN ERKMAN IS SECRETARY GENERAL OF PARTY. MINSTATE TEKINEL AND MINTOURISM KIRIMLI ARE JP VICE PRESIDENTS. AGMIN TUNA IS PRESIDENT OF JP SENATE GROUP, WHILE MINPUBLIC WORKS OK IS A DEPUTY SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. LABOR MINISTER ERDEM AND EDUCATION MINISTER DENGIZ ARE BOTH VICE PRESIDENTS OF JP GOUP IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. FINALLY, MININDUSTRY BAYAR IS TREASURER OF THE JP, AND A " COMER" IN PARTY. MOST PORK BARREL MINISTRIES (FOR EXAMPLE, PUBLIC WORKS, COMMERCE, AGRICULTURE, AND VILLAGE AFFAIRS) ARE IN THE HANDS OF JP. JP CHAIRMAN DEMIREL HAS THUS CLEARLY PUT HIS STAMP ON NEW GOVERNMENT.

D. AS REQUIRED BY CONSTITUTION, JUSTICE, INTERIOR, AND COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRIES HAVE TO BE IN HANDS OF INDEPENDENTS THREE MONTHS BEFORE ELECTIONS. PRESENT CABINET IN EFFECT HAS ANTICIPATED THIS REQUIREMENT NOW, SO NO FURTHER CHANGE SEEMS LIKELY.

E. THE FIVE (OR SIX) RR MINISTERS SEEM TO HAVE BEEN CHOSEN WITH VIEW TO BALANCING LONG- STANDING FOLLOWERS OF RR CHAIRMAN FEYZIOGLU WITH NEWER ADHERENTS FROM REPUBLICAN PEOPLES PARTY (RPP). FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INSTANCE, KEMAL SATIR HAS BEEN GIVEN PRESTIGIOUS IF SOMEWHAT POWERLESS POSITION OF DEPUTY PRIMIN, WHILE MINISTRIES OF HELATH, CUSTOMS- MONOPOLIES, AND HOUSING HAVE GONE TO OLD TIME RR MEMBERS. OF CARRY- OVERS FROM PREVIOUS MELEN GOVT., ALL SIX ARE OSTENSIBLY INDEPENDENTS (TALU, OZTRAK, OZTEKIN, BAYULKEN, OZBEK AND DEMIR).

F. CARETAKER NATURE OF GOVERNMENT, PREPARING COUNTRY FOR GENERAL ELECTIONS, WAS CLEARLY SPELLED OUT IN COALITION PROTOCOL SIGNED BY TALU, DEMIREL, AND FEYZIOGLU G OTEXT BY AIRGRAM). NONE- THELESS, CONSIDERABLE CONTROVERSIAL LEGISLATION IS INTENDED FOR PASSAGE (E. G., REFORMS COVERING LAND AND AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION, UNIVERSITIES, MINING; CHANGES IN MUCH CRITICIZED ELECTION LAW PLUS ESTABLISHMENT OF STATE SECURITY COURTS). PROTOCOL ALSO STATES,

INCIDENTALLY, THAT GOVT. WILL SEEK AN EARLY END TO MARTIAL LAW
(WITH NO SPECIFICS PROVIDED).

G. FROM RR PARTY' S VIEWPOINT, PARTICIPATION IN COALITION
CABINET NOW, PRESUMING IT WORKS WELL, MAY GIVE IT A LEG- UP IF,
AS RESULT OF OCTOBER GENERAL ELECTIONS, JP IS FORCED TO GO FOR
A COALITION. ALSO, COALITION PROTOCOL ACKNOWLEDGES PUBLICLY
CONTRIBUTIONS OF MELEN GOVT., WHICH RR LEADER FEYZIOGLU DOM-
INATED OF INFLUENCED.

H. HET A CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT INVITES ATTACK. RPP CHAIRMAN
ECEVIT REPORTEDLY SAID ON APRIL 14 THAT THE
TALU GOVEKNMENT WAS AN EXTREME RIFHT WING COALITION WHICH
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